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**Subject**: RE: - page 15 - Response to NEJAC Letters

## Thank you!

From: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov> Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 12:56 PM

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We probably didn't because of when this standard language was drafted. The text appears to have been pulled from previously approved language. Here's how I'd edit to [EX.5 Deliberative Process (DP)] Thanks!

## FIFRA: EPA Investigates PFAS Contamination in Pesticide Packaging

In January 2021, EPA informed the public of testing that determined that fluorinated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) containers that are used to store and transport a mosquito control pesticide product contain PFAS that are leaching into the pesticide product.

Through a coordinated effort with both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the pesticide manufacturer, shipment of affected containers of pesticide was voluntarily stopped, and the manufacturer conducted its own testing to confirm EPA results. In addition, EPA issued a request for information under TSCA to the company that fluorinates the containers by certain pesticide manufacturers. The TSCA subpoena requested information about the fluorine processed used to treat the containers.

EPA also released testing data in March 2021 and outlined its next steps to work closely with stakeholders to collect additional information on this issue. The agency committed to coordinating with the affected entities involved and their supply and distribution chains, pesticide users, the pesticide and packaging industry, and its federal, state, and tribal partners as it works through this complex health and environmental issue. In an example of this, EPA has been actively coordinating with the State of Maryland and registrants to obtain samples of and test mosquito control products and their containers for the presence of PFAS, and will be sharing that information directly with the state.

While EPA is early in its investigation, the agency will use all available regulatory and non-regulatory tools to determine the scope of this emerging issue and its potential impact on human health and the environment. It is important to note that although these types of products should not be a source of PFAS, the data indicates that the amount of PFAS that has entered the environment from the contamination in the containers the agency tested is extremely small.

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<Goodis.Michael@epa.gov> Subject: - page 15 - Response to NEJAC Letters Importance: High Hi Kimberly, Jeff and Neil, Amanda received a comment from Michal on page 15 (the PFAS section) of the attached OCSPP Responses: NEJAC 100 Letter Exercise. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Is this is something that BEAD can assist with in providing input? Darlene Dinkins Office of Pesticide Programs U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (703) 305-5214 From: Hauff, Amanda < Hauff. Amanda@epa.gov> Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2021 12:19 PM To: Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov> Cc: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>; Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov> Subject: URGENT - Need turnaround ASAP - page 15 - Response to NEJAC Letters **Importance:** High

Hi Darlene,

Can you assist me — on page 15 (for the responses to the NEJAC letters)

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Lam not sure what she is talking about.

Can you share with the team to revise/assist? Also,

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...I am not sure if that is what she means. Please feel free to have them reach back to me if they want to discuss/need assistance.

Thank you,

Amanda

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